GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3411
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2004
OUTSTANDING AMOUNT AGAINST BSNL
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any dues of the New Delhi Municipal Council are outstanding against the Bharat Sanchar nigam Limited for the supply of water to Type-I to Type-V categories of Government quarters of Kalibari Marg, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NDMC is levying surcharge on bills despite the facts that water bills were never sent to the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited or the Telecom Department since 1984;

(d) if so, the rationale behind it and the reasons as to why the B.S.N.L. should pay the surcharge on water bills which were never received by them; and

(e) the efforts being made to ensure that the revised water bills are sent to the BSNL and the time by which such bills are likely to be sent by the NDMC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Dues of New Delhi Municipal Council amounting to Rs.1,67,16,888/- towards electric/water charges up to the billing cycle of December, 2004 are outstanding against Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

(c): The New Delhi Municipal Council has levied surcharge on unpaid bills which have been delivered at the registered addresses of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

(d): Since the bills are being delivered regularly at the registered addresses of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, levy of surcharge on unpaid bills is justified as per the Resolution No.17 dated 17th September, 1993 adopted by the New Delhi Municipal Council.

(e): In view of the position explained at (d) above, the question of revising the bills does not arise. However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) can take advantage of the onetime rebate scheme in surcharge presently available to the consumers.